

Final Exam Overview 2015

When Is It?

1st Hour: Tuesday, December 15 (7:21-8:46)

3rd Hour: Wednesday, December 16 (8:56-10:21)

What Will It Look Like?

Step 1: You will read a poem you haven't seen before.

Step 2: You will complete a three-columned reading journal to help you analyze the poem.

Step 3: You will type an analytical paragraph in which you synthesize (connect) the poem to either *The Kite Runner* or *A Long Way Gone*.

Step 4: There will be a survey/reflection questionnaire in which I invite you to give feedback on the semester.

How Should I Prepare?

You have been preparing the entire semester through your reading journals, essays, and fishbowl discussions. There is no extra work you need to do in order to prepare. On the Friday and Monday before the exam, however, we will do a little practice to sharpen any skills that you'd like to hone.

How Will It Be Graded?

The reading journal will be worth 20 points; I will use the same rubric I've been using on your other reading journals. This will go in the Mastery category.

The essay will be worth 80 points; I will use the same rubric that I used on your pre-assessment and on your hero's journey essay. This will go in the Mastery category.

The survey/questionnaire will be worth 20 points in the Growth category. However, if you run out of time and do not complete this piece, I will exempt you from it. It will not count against you.

In the meantime, please make sure your grades are up to date. After I post grades, I do not change anyone's grade. An 89.4 is a B +. An 89.5 is an A -.